

BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



SEANGMANY'S CULTURE IMPORTANT TO NAVY TEAM

By J03 Laura C. Wiggins

To honor the accomplishments of Asian/Pacific Americans and to recognize their many contributions to our nation, Congress has designated the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

The Department of the Navy's (DON) core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment have been enthusiastically embraced by Asian/Pacific Americans who proudly serve on active duty, in the reserves, and as DON civilians.

Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st class (Surface Warfare/



CTT1 (SW/AW) Dounpachan Seangmany said of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, "It takes a team effort to complete a mission in the Navy, and people make up that team, people from different cultures and ethnic backgrounds."

Air Warfare) Dounpachan Seangmany, from Rochester, New York, is one such Asian/Pacific American. He is of Laotian descent and has served the Navy for more than 12 years. When asked how he feels about his job, he said, "my job makes me feel very important about myself and the Navy."

One of Seangmany's important duties is being Leading Petty Officer for the Cryptological Direct Support Element on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (BHR) (LHD-6). He provides direct guidance to six personnel and supervises the flow of tactical intelligence information throughout the three-ship BHR Amphibious Ready Group.

Seangmany's reason for joining the Navy was "for adventure, a challenge, and to increase my personal growth and knowledge." At this point in his career, he says, "I have the opportunity to move every three or four years and see many places around the world that an ordinary person can not go to or see. That's not even the best part. I have fulfilled my reasons for joining the Navy."

When asked about his culture, he explained that "my culture is an important part of my life, as well as it is to my job and the Navy. I believe that every culture plays a

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MACHINIST'S MATE QUALIFIES AS USS BONHOMME RICHARD'S FIRST 1ST CLASS EOOW

By JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand

"It's a distinct professional qualification that all seasoned engineers strive to accomplish; senior and junior personnel alike. It's a challenge everyday to keep yourself always ahead of the plant conditions and the 'what ifs' if they are to happen."

That's what Machinist's Mate 1st class Brian Harman said about becoming qualified to stand Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) on board the San Diego-based multi purpose amphibious assault ship USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6).

The native of Yorba Linda, Calif., said, "There are other 1st class petty officers pursuing this qualification, however, I have been the only 1st class petty officer to this date to qualify. Being the only 1st class to qualify as EOOW establishes another BONHOMME RICHARD first."

Harmon, a veteran of 13 years, is the Leading Petty Officer of En-

gineering Department's MP02 Division.

He said, "It took approximately 1 year and 3 months to get qualified as EOOW."

In describing his duties, Harmon said, "As the EOOW, I'm responsible for the safe operations and daily business conducted throughout the Engineering Department. I have the authority to authorize tagouts and I have the say in when personnel can start and stop equipment." He went on to say, "I'm directly responsible to the Officer of the Deck and the

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STOCK MARKET

The Nasdaq index rose 106.06 points, or 3.4 percent, to 3,270.61. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 113.08 points, or 1.1 percent, to 10,535.35, while the Standard & Poor's 500 finished 25.19 points, or 1.8 percent, higher at 1,399.05.

BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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SATURDAY'S STE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
1100 MR. MAGOO
1630 AUSTIN POWERS 2
1800 FIFTH ELEMENT
2000 GREASE
2200 STIR OF ECHOES

CHANNEL 6

1030 DREW CAREY
1100 CITY SLICKERS
1630 BLUE STREAK
1800 SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER
2000 TUMBLEWEED
2200 PRIMARY COLORS

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS



MM1(SW) Brian Harmon makes entries into the Engineering Log book while standing a mid-watch as Engineering Officer of the Watch. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

FIRST CLASS QUALIFIES From Page 2 Chief Engineer (CHENG) for all decisions that I make throughout the watch.

"If anything goes wrong with propulsion or anything that would cause delays to operations throughout the ship that concern engineering," Harmon said, "I'm the man the captain will call via the CHENG."

As for who encouraged him to become EOW qualified, Harmon said, "I give a lot of praise to Machinist's Mate Chief Robert Kallman and Machinist's Mate Chief Kenneth Dale for pushing me along my way and helping me to obtain the final qualification. They supported me in my decision to obtain the qualification," he added, "and to the upper chain of command, from the CHENG to the captain, I say thank you for giving me the opportunity to show my stuff and allow me to obtain this qualification."

Harmon said he received a lot of positive comments on becoming EOW qualified. "The captain said he was impressed with the knowledge level that I displayed and he noted that it was a great accomplishment."

As far as 1st class petty

officer's standing EOW in the Navy, Harmon stated, "I have been EOW under instruction on other ships but was never given the opportunity to obtain the qualification. It is not uncommon," he continued, "to see a first class as an EOW, but it's not an everyday thing on every ship that you go to."

"On this class of ship (WASP class) there is so much to understand and so many situations to be familiar with," Harmon said. "Not only do you have to know your job as an engineer of the propulsion plants, but you also have to have the knowledge of the ship outside of the main spaces just in case the 'what ifs' should happen."

CONGRATULATIONS ENLISTED AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST

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AO2 BRIAN TSCHANNEN

AZ2 ANGELA GREEN

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MM3(SW) DANIEL ABRUZZESE

SEANGMANY'S CULTURE From Page 1 vital role in today's Navy and it's missions."

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Seangmany has embraced the Navy. He has made his culture an important part of it and hopes others do the same.

'BEETLE BAILEY' CREATOR DRAWS PENTAGON PRAISE

By Chuck Vinch

Times sure have changed for Mort Walker. Back in 1953, the creator of the famous comic strip *Beetle Bailey* was barred from the pages of the *Stars and Stripes* for almost a year because the Army major in charge of the newspaper thought Walker's parody of military life, particularly his portrayal of clueless Brig. Gen. Halftrack, Lt. Fuzz and the rest of the bumbling officers of Camp Swampy, was "bad for morale."

Later that decade, the Army published a collection of Walker's strips as a primer in how soldiers should NOT do things. The World War II veteran received nothing but waves of adulation at a Pentagon ceremony as Army officials lined up to congratulate him on the 50th anniversary of the strip, as well as Walker's decades of unflagging support for the military. The strip is still syndicated in more than 1,800 newspapers, including *Stars and Stripes*.

"I'm honored to be appreciated for the laughs I've been able to give," Walker told the gathering.

In recent years, the 76-year-old Walker, a founder of the National Museum of Comic Art, has thrown his energies behind the effort to establish a World War II memorial in Washington. He has been helping to organize a 1,500-mile "honor march" from Mobile, Ala., to the nation's capital to raise funds. Later this year he plans to have Beetle and Sarge take part in the march in one of his comic strips. The groundbreaking for the \$100 million memorial is scheduled for Veterans' Day this November.

"We are extremely grateful for the morale boost that Mort Walker

has given to generations of soldiers who have served in times of peace and war," said Army Secretary Louis Caldera, who praised the cartoonist's "wit, charisma and craft" in awarding him the military's Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.

Walker also received tributes from the Association of the U.S. Army and the Noncommissioned Officers Association, along with commemorative coins and a proclamation signed by Defense Secretary William Cohen; the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Henry Shelton; the Army's chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki; and Caldera.

Walker was drafted into the Army Air Corps in 1943 and rose from private to first lieutenant over the next four years in a variety of jobs.

"I was drafted into the Air Corps, even though I'd never flown in a plane before," he said. "I moved to the Signal Corps, even though I was not mechanically inclined at all. Then I was in the engineers, even though I was never much good at math in high school. Then I joined the infantry as a scout. I was near-sighted. "I just hope the guy who made those assignments doesn't work for you any more," he joked to the assembled Army brass.

Walker also served in the ordnance and intelligence branches before leaving active duty in 1946. People often ask him when he's going to retire from cartooning, and his standard reply is that he's already living a pretty easy life. "I lie on a couch all day, staring at the ceiling and thinking of ideas, then I get up and waddle over to my drawing board," he said. "What am I going to retire to, digging ditches?"

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HOUSE APPROVES TRADE PACT WITH CHINA

By Eric Schmitt and Joseph Kahn

In a stunning victory for the Clinton administration and corporate America, the House swept aside economic restrictions on China that were part of anti-Communist policy for over a quarter century.

By a wide margin of 237-197, lawmakers granted Beijing permanent normal trading privileges after months of fierce lobbying that pitted business against organized labor. A larger-than-expected Republican majority delivered President Clinton's top remaining legislative priority: three out of four Republicans voted in favor, while two out of three Democrats voted against.

The vote virtually assures the end of the annual review of China's trade status, a ritual for 20 years that Beijing considers humiliating but opponents say maintains leverage over improving human rights. Congress has approved the trade status every year. The Senate is expected to

endorse the permanent measure as early as next month.

President Clinton met with more than 100 law-makers face-to-face or in groups, sometimes on Air Force One, telephoned scores more and traveled to congressional districts in the Midwest and California to rally support. "The House of Representatives has taken an historic step toward continued prosperity in America, reform in China and peace in the world," he said in a Rose Garden ceremony.

American companies and farmers, from Internet moguls in Silicon Valley to orange growers in Florida, sought permanent trade ties to benefit fully from an accord that Washington and Beijing negotiated last November. The agreement slashes tariffs on a wide range of farm and industrial products and removes some barriers to service providers, such as banks and telecommunications companies.

SPORTS

HEAT OWNER AND PLAYERS FINED

By Bloomberg News

The NBA fined the owner of the Miami Heat and two players a total of \$55,000 Wednesday for their criticism of the officials after being eliminated from the playoffs by the Knicks last Sunday. The Heat's owner, Micky Arison, was fined \$25,000, and the players Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn were fined \$20,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

BASEBALL SCORES:

Atlanta	11	Milwaukee	2
St. Louis	5	Florida	1
Philadelphia	9	Houston	7
Baltimore	4	Seattle	3
Detroit	10	Cleveland	9
Oakland	9	Tampa Bay	2
NY Yankees	12	Chi.White Sox	4

HOCKEY SCORES:

New Jersey	2	Philadelphia	1
(series tied at 3-3)			



Financial Planning Worksheet for a PCS Move

	Estimated Date Payable	Amount
POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME:		
1. Member's Travel Allowance (Pre-payment)	_____	_____
2. Member's Per Diem (Prepayment)	_____	_____
3. Member's Advance Pay (Dead Horse) (Pre-payment)	_____	_____
4. Dependent Per Diem? (Post-payment)	_____	_____
5. Dislocation Allowance? (Pre-payment)	_____	_____
6. Temporary Lodging Expense E-4 and below with dependents) (Post-payment)	_____	_____
7. Refund Security Deposit (Present Quarters)	_____	_____
8. Refund of Utility Deposits (Present Quarters)	_____	_____
9. Accumulated Pay While in Transit? (Post-payment)	_____	_____
10. Profits from selling articles you do not plan to transfer	_____	_____
TOTAL SOURCES OF INCOME (A)	_____	_____

POSSIBLE EXPENSES:

1. Liquidation of Advance Pay	_____	_____
2. Liquidation of Advance Travel) (Possible Excess Payment)	_____	_____
3. Remove and dismantle TV antenna	_____	_____
4. Disconnect major appliances including cost of any necessary services (electrical, plumbing, carpentry) Reinstallation costs	_____	_____
5. Disconnect and remove window air conditioners	_____	_____
6. Cost to clean vacated quarters and final lawn maintenance	_____	_____
7. Shipping pets? (Cost of crate, transportation, board, and pickup at destination)	_____	_____
8. Dismantling outdoor play equipment? Reassembly costs	_____	_____
9. Shipping a boat or outdoor motor	_____	_____
10. Shipping, towing, or carrying a vehicle or motorcycle	_____	_____
11. Shipping any other items not authorized at government expense	_____	_____
12. Supplemental insurance for shipping or storing your personal property	_____	_____
13. Excess weight over authorized weight allowance	_____	_____
14. Preparation of car for trip	_____	_____
15. Reserve for vehicle breakdown enroute	_____	_____

Following the General Quarters drill on Saturday, 27 May 2000, the ship will secure from material condition, MODIFIED ZEBRA and return to material condition YOKE. The pictures below show an example of the correct and incorrect method of securing watertight hatches in the open position

PART 1: SAFE AND CORRECT OPENING OF WATERTIGHT HATCHES



DANGER!

Incorrect: When securing hatches in the open position it is important to ensure that the weight of the hatch is adequately supported and that personnel are clear of its range of motion should it fall. In the picture above, only one person is supporting the weight of the hatch (two persons are recommended). In addition, the person securing the stanchion is not clear of the range of motion of the hatch should it fall.

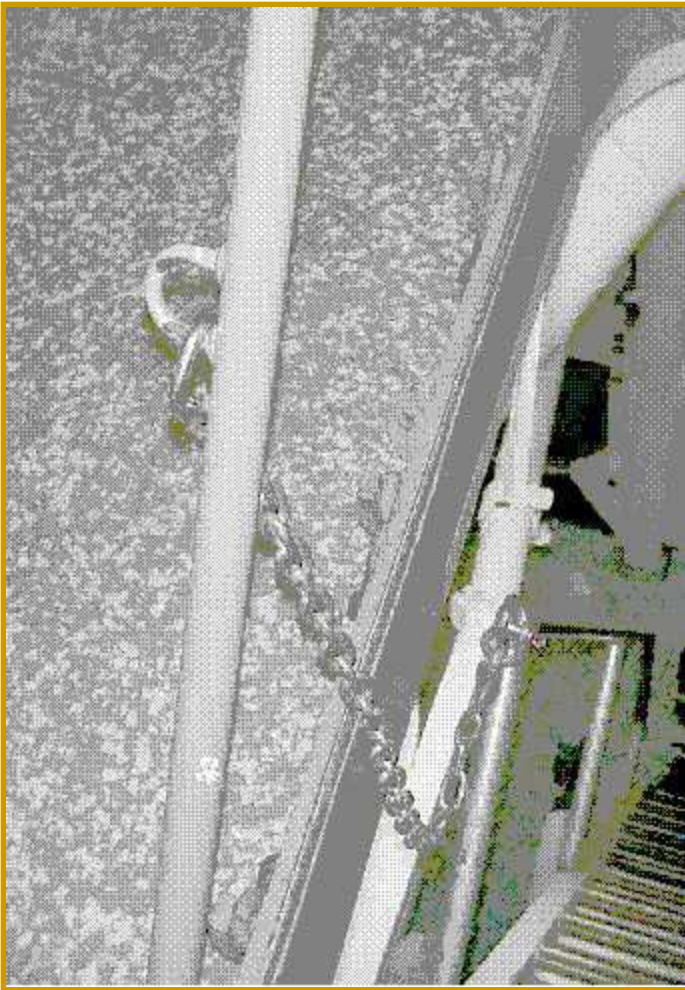


SAFE METHOD

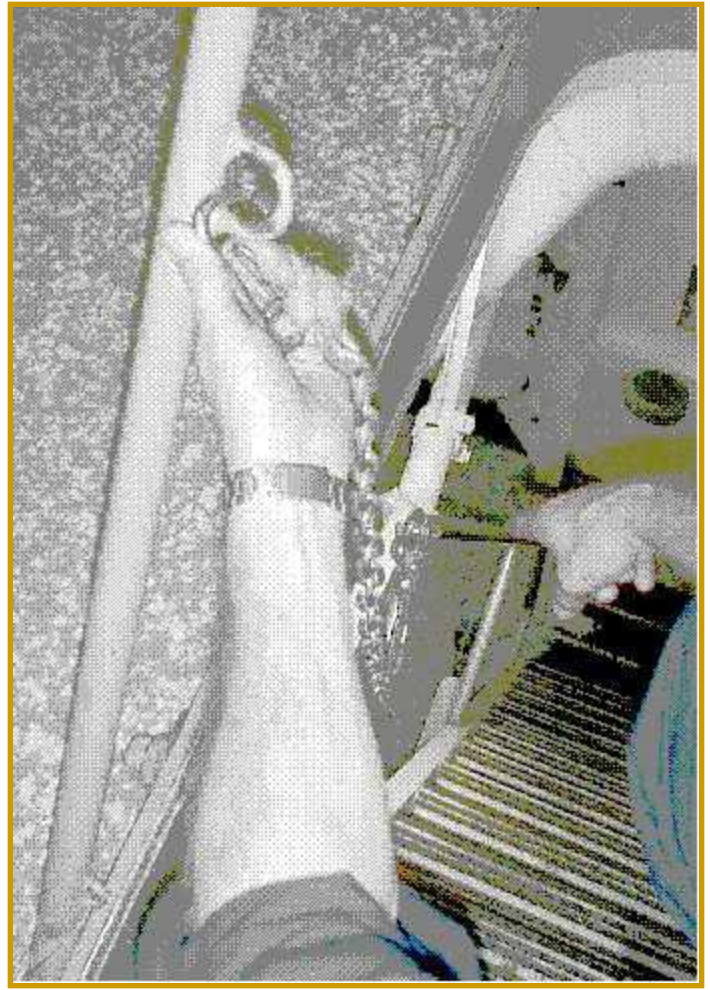
Correct: In the photo above, the hatch is adequately supported by two personnel, allowing the third person to safely secure the stanchions and safety chains. In addition, all personnel are clear of the range of motion of the hatch should it fall unexpectedly.

SECURING FROM MATERIAL CONDITION MODIFIED ZEBRA

PART 2: CORRECT INSTALLATION OF STANCHIONS



Incorrect: On the watertight hatch above, the stanchion is improperly configured. The 'D' ring should face inward when secured correctly.



Correct: When properly secured, the 'D' ring on the stanchion should face inward, as shown above.